(d) if so, whether Government will sanction additional fund for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Four lane Kollam bypass starting from Altharamoodu and ending at Mevaram on NH-47 has been included under National Highways Development Project Phase III to be implemented by National Highways Authority of India for which bids have been received.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Alappuzha Bypass

1494. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has taken up the construction of Alappuzha bypass starting from Kommady (NH-47);

(b) whether it is a fact that the traffic through the bypass could not be started due to the non-completion of two ROB's on this bypass; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to sanction additional funds for the construction of these ROB's so that the traffic on this bypass is started at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Four lane Alappuzha bypass starting from Kommady and ending at Kalarcode on NH-47 has been included under National Highways Development Project Phase III to be implemented by National Highways Authority of India for which bids have been received.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The two ROBs are forming part of the project referred to in reply to part (a) of the question.

Changes to the bidding and execution process for NHs

1495. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently decided to bring further changes to the bidding and execution process for development of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic and foreign players have raised various objections on the bidding and execution processes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to ease the processes and to complete the development of NHs in a time bound period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. With a view to resolve the procedural impediments to the implementation of National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Government have accepted the recommendations of the B K Chaturvedi Committee with regard to the changes in RFP/RFQ and MCA documents, as well as the mode of execution of projects under NHDP. The summarized details are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ No. 1489 Part (a) to (c)].

Changes in the model concession agreement

1496. SHRIMAT1 SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is looking at further changes in the Model Concession Agreement (MCA), the standard bidding document for roads in order to make it more investor friendly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether changes in the MCA have been done in consultation with stakeholders; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the changes in the MCA are likely to speed up the process of awarding projects for express highways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) The Government has approved the recommendations of the B.K. Chaturvedi Committee Report made after consultation with various stakeholders which include modifications to the existing Model Concession Agreement (MCA) and Model (Standard) bidding documents *viz* Request for Qualification (RFQ) and Request for Proposal (RFP) with a view to resolve procedural impediments to the implementation of National Highways Development Project and thereby expedite the process of awarding highways projects and the details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of the recommendations of the B.K. Chaturvedi Committee report

1. The details of modifications to the existing MCA, RFQ, and RFP documents for the road sector, are as given below:-

a. Termination Provisions in Road Concession Agreements (Para 5.1.1).

b. Exit Policy for (Developer) Concessionaire in MCA. (Para 5.1.2).